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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO HAMDI

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1. PRIME MINISTER SAID 21 OCTOBER THAT ONLY INCIDENT OF IMPORTANCE WHICH HAD OCCURRED ON ROAD NORTH TO SAADA WAS REFTEL INCIDENT ON EVE OF STANDING DAY, 12 DECEMBER, WHEN ARMY VEHICLE WAS SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN NIGHT TIME EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH SOME TRIBESMEN. WHO STARTED SHOOTING, SAID PM, IS NOT CLEAR BUT GOVERNMENT POLICY HAS BEEN NOT RPT NOT TO OFFER ANY RETALIATION OR DENUNCIATION FOR TWO GOVERNMENT DEAD. "WE ARE KEEPING COOL UNTIL PRESIDENT RETURNS "21 DECEMBER" SAID PM.

2. PM ALSO SAID THAT ANOTHER INCIDENT OCCURRED TWO WEEKS AGO-,BEFORE THE ID, AND BEFORE ABDALLAH BIN HUSSAIN AL-AHMAR WENT TO SAUDI ARABIA WITH HAMDI. TRIBAL ROAD BLOCK HALTED OVERNIGHT A CAR FULL OF SOLDIERS WHO WERE COMING DOWN TO SANA FROM NORTH FOR ID.

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3. LATTER INCIDENT HAD UNIQUE YEMENI SOLUTION, SAID

PM QUIETLY. AS IT CLEARLY REPRESENTED AN UNWARRANTED TRIBAL INTEGNERQACE WITH SOLDIERS PURSUING PERSONAL AND INNOCENT PURPOSES, THE PERPETRATOR (A LIEUTENANT OF ABDALLAH BID HUSSAIN) HAD TO "RUN AWAY" AND ABDALLAH "SACRIFICED AN OX."

COMMENT: AFTER RETURN OF PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER

CLEARLY ANTICIPATES SOME FURTHER STEPS TO EASE TRIBAL UNREST AND TENSION IN NORTH. HE SEEMS CONFIDENT OF THE OUTCOME. HE SHOWS LITTLE CONCERN ABOUT ABU SHUWARIB'S PROPAGANDA. HE WAS BOUYED BY FRAGMENTARY BUT GOOD NEWS HE HAD FROM FONMIN ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ BY TELEPHONE RE OUTCOME OF MEETINGS IN SAUDI ARABIA, BOTH AS REGARDS RELATIONS BETWEEN YEMEN AND SAUDI ARABIA AND BETWEEN HAMDI AND ABDALLAH BIN HASSAIN. FOR OUR PART, WE ARE HOPING MATTERS ARE GETTING BACK ON TRACK. WE THINK THAT IF HAMDI GOT ASSURANCES HE SOUGHT FROM SAUDIS ON MILITARY MODERNIZATION, HE WILL BE IN POSITION DEAL GENEROUSLY AND REASSURINGLY WITH TRIBES AND TRIBAL FIGURES, AND STERNLY WITH RECALCITRANTS LIKE ABU SHUWARIB. RANSOM

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